

DISC Newsletter

Kansas Preparedness Month

By: Charlene Atwood

September 5th kicked off the Kansas Preparedness month. All Kansas preparedness events are designed to prepare your family and community for emergencies and/or disasters. This particular event was held at the Statehouse lawn with various local emergency agencies to help teach families and the community how to prepare for an emergency. At the event, local and state emergency personnel were on hand with all the information needed to be aware of disasters. One tool I took away from that event was a booklet that had a check list of items to have on hand for your family when/if a disaster occurs. Some of those items are: Battery powered radio, flashlight, first aid kit, water, non-perishable foods, manual can opener, clothing, blankets, extra set of keys, and anything else that you feel is necessary.

They had special equipped emergency vehicles on site for viewing and questions.

Another lesson I took away from the event was that you and your family should have emergency procedures in place and practice them on a yearly basis and keep supplies updated and on hand.

The state has an initiative to further communications with the local emergency responders with a new radio network.

Kansas has unpredictable weather, it's never too early to start planning for the worst. Take the opportunity this month to learn how to protect your family and be prepared. Prepare yourself and your family, before disaster strikes.



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Employee Information

Happy October Birthdays TO:

Charlene Atwood	Jay Coverdale	Dion Davis	David Dobber
Bryan Dreiling	Theresa Duran	Kelly Ernst	Linda Flye
Dan Glotzbach	Tom Kelly	Swanee Lawrence	Holly Maes
Brian McAlpin	Jerry Merryman	Morris Oborny	Todd Standeford
David Thompson	Dave Timpany	Scott Wills	Larry Zeller

New Employee



Morgan Bailey, Security
Joined the DISC Team on
September 11, 2006



Look who turned the big 40 on September 12, 2006. Lisa Smith, BAS

Tom Kelly's band (Other Brother Darrel) took 2nd in the Battle of the Bands event
Congrats!

In Sympathy of
Michael Hunt's wife, Dorothy

Sorry for your loss

Going back to the August supplement of talent, Carey Brown's wife Jana serenades audiences as one of the Sweet Adelines quartet. They received the 1998 International Champions (the Queens of Harmony for that year) and yes, it truly is a world-wide competition. Since then, she recently started work on her 2nd crown (and yes, they really do get another Tiara if they win again) with a new quartet. We will check in later this year to see how they did.

FUN FACTS and Trivia DID YA KNOW?

Labor day is September 4, 2006.

The September birth stone is the Sapphire.

September is Kansas Preparedness month.

A ball of twine in Cawker City, Kansas measures over 38' in circumference and weighs more than 16,750 pounds and continues to grow.

Dodge City Kansas is considered the windiest city in the United States.

A long time ago it was against the law to serve ice cream on cherry pie in Kansas.

In 1889, Kansan inventor, Almon Stowger of El Dorado invented the dial telephone.

"Customers, when given a choice of where to spend their money, will invariably go back to a place where they were made to feel special." - Marshall Field

*"Preventing problems is better than fixing them..."
-Project Management Methodology Manual*

Attention DISC employees:
SURVEY

Are you:

Left handed

Right handed or

Ambidextrous (BOTH)?

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THANK YOU

By: Charlene Atwood

When was the last time you said, 'Thank you' to someone who did a nice deed for you?

These powerful words are very easy to say and type, but yet is rarely used. In today's fast paced world, finding the time to say or write them is unheard of. Still today, a handwritten 'thank you' note is essential for building and maintaining a healthy relationship. Next time write an email to say, 'Thank you' to someone who helped with a task, project or given you needed information. Your thank you note doesn't need to be a paragraph long, but just a few sentences to let your colleague know they are appreciated.

DISC SCORES BIG

The DISC/ESU baseball team formed in 2003, where they took second place overall that season. The next few years they had a 'breaking in' period. This year, the team showed their stuff and took home a giant trophy for 1st place. This is the champs first year to take home the trophy! Their team name is DISC/ESU because it has a mixture of DISC employees, KDOT and ESU employees.



The team consists of:

Patty Ahlenius KDOT (former DISC employee)

Nikki Barnes ESU (former DISC employee)

Jan Farwell ESU

Tanna Baum KDOT

Cathy Long DISC

Tony Menke ESU

Deb Harrop DISC

Dave Willoughby DISC

Jason Marsh DISC

Josh White DISC and Javier Barajas DISC.



Congratulations Team!



Did you know in word you can insert a graphic?

First go to **Insert** on the menu bar, then scroll down to **Picture**. Then click on **Clip Art**. Type in a keyword and click the **'GO'** button. It will bring up a library of pictures to choose from.

KUDOS

BOT:

To: Dana Jolley

I wanted to let you know that Dana Jolley helped fix an issue that I have been having with Legal for several day's now. It is really awesome that you have folks like her in your department. I just wanted to give kudos to her. From: Kevin Greenfield, DISC

To: NCC Staff

We had a rash of COX problems last night. Shannon, who usually answers the phone that lives on her side of the bed, gave a great compliment. She commented about how incredibly polite the NCC folks are when they call. Please extend a pat on the back down towards the NCC. Thanks Cort Buffington, Kanren

To: Clayton Kinnett

The "T Word" is used and abused often. Frequently, it does not reflect the kind of unity, effort and flexibility that this team has exhibited in overcoming some formidable obstacles on the way to a very successful system test of our video-conferencing system today. Thank you all for going above and beyond for the good of the team and our state enterprise. I'd like to give special recognition to Clayton Kinnett who proved once again to be world beaters under fire on the technical issues. Thanks again, Charles E. "Chip" Shockey Results Technologies Group, Inc.

DISC:

To: Morey Sullivan, Pat Tierce, Rod Blunt

I wanted to send a note of appreciation for DISC's work. Last week, I called DISC for assistance with an ailing firewall issue. Everyone I spoke to on the phone was very helpful, responsive and empathetic. On the same day that I called, DISC was able to send someone over to JJA to help assess our circumstances and get us on the road to recovery.

Resolving our firewall issue has been challenging for us and it has been wonderful (and reassuring) to have DISC's expertise in person every day. Please extend my appreciation to Morey Sullivan, Pat Tierce, Rod Blunt and various others who instantly calmed my fears when I called, and have been helping JJA get through this rough spot. Thanks so much! Tanya Keys, Juvenile Justice Authority

Please add my thanks to Tanya's. I have been very impressed with the helpfulness and positive attitude demonstrated. Don Jordan Commissioner, Juvenile Justice Authority

To: Janet Hawkins

Thanks so much for your never ending flexibility with our site, you have been very helpful these past couple of weeks. From: Haley Pollock, Governor's office

KITO:

To: Carey Brown

I just wanted to express my appreciation from me and the advisory committee on the efforts put forth by Carey Brown in working in the best interest of the State Hospitals and the State of Kansas during yesterday's negotiations with the software solution providers Netsmart and Askesis. On a personal note, I very much enjoyed working with such a professional and talented team! Thanks Phil Ward, Osawatomie State Hospital/RMHF



A job well done!

Judy retires after 22 years

Judy Shepherd retired after 22 years of dedicated service to the State of Kansas. Her knowledge and passion for work and life has inspired DISC employees for years to come.

Judy started her state service as a Switchboard Operator I in the Docking State Office Building in 1984. In 1988, she promoted to a Network Control Tech II in the Network Control Center. Thus showing much initiative, moved up as a Network Control Tech III.

In October 2001 she advanced as an Equipment Planning Technician, managing the Voice Mail System, the Automated Call Distribution (ACD), and the Interactive Voice Response (IVR). Judy played a big roll in administering the Fujitsu PBX in the Wichita State Office Building.

Judy brought proficiency and expertise to challenging assignments and has been a proven asset to the community and DISC. We are sorry to see Judy retire and hopes she will visit from time to time.



Judy will be spending more time with her family (three daughters, Cheryl, Denise and Jennifer) and grandchildren. She is also making plans to see some of the friends she has made through out the years here at DISC in her leisure time.

In talking to Theresa, she said she had a wonderful day at her retirement party. She loved seeing and talking to everyone again. She sends her thanks and love to you all.



Day of Caring Event September 8th

Let's give a big round of applause to those DISC employees (Deb Harrop and Jay Coverdale) who volunteered at the Midland Care Connection for the 2006 United Way Day of Caring



event, held on September 8, 2006. They did countless hours of painting, yard work and other various duties throughout the day. Even though according to Jay it was an "ibuprofen night"....it was worth it!

This year the Department of Administration and DISC will be participating in the **Multi-Agency Carnival**. There will be an ice cream sundae booth and selling chances on baskets, along with some volunteers that will be sitting on the dunk tank. Please come by and take a good hearted throw at getting them "ALL WET", eat some ice cream and purchase

a chance on winning some pretty incredible baskets! The carnival will be **September 29th from 10:30 to 2:30** on the South Capitol Grounds. Thanks to all who contribute to the United Way campaign.



Don't forget to visit the Telephone Doctor to check up on your communication skills!

<http://disc.serviceskills.com/>

